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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Costa Mesa – Study Shows Violent Political Confrontations Rising in California

(U) A new study finds that protests in California are getting more violent. The report from the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism (CSHE) at Cal State San Bernardino shows that along with a rise in hate crimes in California that is double what is being seen in the rest of the country, political confrontations are also increasing. The director of CSHE told a joint session of the state legislature last week that violent political confrontations are rising in California by nearly double.

SOURCE: 6 September 2017, [CBS Los Angeles](#)

(U) Huntington Beach – Two Police Officers Shot and Suspect Wounded by Gunfire

(U) Authorities are investigating a Huntington Beach police shooting in which two officers and a suspect were injured yesterday morning after officers responded to a report of a man slashing tires in a neighborhood. Detectives are trying to determine what led to the shooting, which resulted in the two officers and suspect being struck by gunfire. Investigators recovered a knife and were still searching the scene for additional evidence at the time of reporting. Both officers are in stable condition, police said.

SOURCE: 7 September 2017, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) Sacramento – Two Police Officers Wounded in Shootout with Double-Homicide Suspect

(U) A suspect in a double homicide was killed and two police officers were wounded yesterday during a shootout on a Sacramento street. The two police officers were hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries. The suspect, who has not been identified, died at the scene. The shooting occurred after officers received an alert about a Chevy pickup tied to the death of two women whose bodies were found on 1 September in a Sacramento home.

SOURCE: 7 September 2017, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Terrorism Plots Often Raise Concerns Early, Says Intel Official

(U) Washington – In a majority of homegrown terrorism cases investigated in the United States in recent years, someone had information that something was amiss, according to a top US counterterrorism official. Nick Rasmussen, director of the National Counterterrorism Center, said countering Islamic extremism globally is a nearly impossible task—like trying to “boil the ocean.” Instead, the United States needs to be more hand-on at home and do a better job sharing threat information with local officials, according to Rasmussen.

SOURCE: 7 September 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Georgia – Equifax Says Cyberattack May Have Affected 143 Million Customers

(U) Atlanta – Hackers gained access to Equifax’s company data that potentially compromised sensitive information for 143 million American consumers, including Social Security numbers and driver’s license numbers. The attack on the company—one of the three major consumer credit reporting agencies—represents one of the largest risks to personally sensitive information in recent years, and is the third

major cybersecurity threat for the agency since 2015.
SOURCE: 7 September 2017, [New York Times](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Estonia – European Union Ministers Test Responses in First Computer War Game

(U) Tallinn – European Union (EU) defense ministers tested their ability to respond to a potential attack by computer hackers in their first cyber war game yesterday, based on a simulated attack on one of the bloc's military missions abroad. In the simulation, hackers sabotaged the EU's naval mission in the Mediterranean and launched a campaign on social media to discredit the EU operations and provoke protests. German Defense Minister Ursula von der Leyen said the war game showed the need for EU governments to be more aware of the impact of cyberattacks on critical infrastructure in the EU.

SOURCE: 6 September 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Nigeria – Boko Haram and al-Shabaab Recruits 'Lack Religious Schooling'

(U) Abuja – Many young Africans drawn to extremist groups know "little to nothing" about religious texts and interpretations, according to a United Nations study. The report was based on a survey that profiled nearly 500 voluntary recruits to militant groups including al-Shabaab and Boko Haram. Based on the sample groups, they say that at least six years of religious schooling is shown to reduce the likelihood of joining an extremist group by as much as 32%. The researchers also interviewed people of similar backgrounds to those recruited, but who did not become radicalized.

SOURCE: 7 September 2017, [BBC](#)

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